

CT KIDNEY TUMOR ABLATION LETTER FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS

You have been scheduled to have a CT GUIDED TUMOR ABLATION on the following date and time.

CANCELLATIONS: If you are unable to keep this appointment, call (804) 675-5237. Cancellation may lead to delay in your treatment.

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY. IT CONTAINS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

On the day of the procedure: ***Please report to ward 2E at 6:30 a.m. ***

If you are on any of the **following blood thinning medications**, please **follow these instructions**:

Plavix (clopidogrel): Hold it 5 days prior to procedure

Aspirin: Hold it 5 days prior to procedure. If you are also on Plavix, hold aspirin for 1 day

Lovenox (Enoxaparin): Hold it 1 day prior to procedure

Coumadin (Warfarin): Adjust your dose according to your doctor/Coumadin clinic

If you are on blood thinning medication not mentioned above please call (804) 675-5235.

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK AFTER MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR EXAM.

Do not take any INSULIN or DIABETIC pills (glipizide, Metformin, etc.) the day before the exam. If you are taking Lantus/Glargine insulin, please contact your Diabetic doctor.

Take all other pills (except **blood thinners, Diabetic meds & Insulin**) with **small sips of water**.

Check your blood sugar prior to coming in for your appointment.

Bring some sugar hard candy/ glucose tablets with you to the hospital in case you get signs of low blood sugar as listed (sweating, shakiness, blurred vision, extreme hunger, tiredness and light headedness). If you experience any of those symptoms drink a sugar drink or glucose tablets.

IF YOU WEIGH OVER **660 POUNDS**, PLEASE CALL (804) 675-5235.

For information please visit the website: www.radiologyinfo.org

After the Radiofrequency ablation, you may have to stay in the hospital, on 2E, up to 4 hours or overnight in other ward.

We appreciate having this opportunity to serve you!

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